

TOWN OF JEROME

Proclamation

by Mayor Lew Currier and the Council of the Town of Jerome

**upon this, the 50th anniversary of Jerome's recognition
as a landmark of national historic significance.**

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, in 1966, the United States Department of the Interior designated the Jerome Historic District a National Historic Landmark. In so doing, it was proclaimed that "this site possesses national significance in commemorating the history of the United States of America"; and

WHEREAS, the dramatic location of Jerome's fabulous mineral wealth on a steep, isolated mountainside has presented unique challenges throughout its history. Both miners and town builders struggled with Jerome's topography; but precious ore was extracted and municipal services made Jerome a vital city when Arizona was still a territory. The tons of copper from Jerome served the nation, providing wire for the widespread transmission of electricity and critical materials with which to fight two World Wars. Jerome's challenges have continued in the years following the closure of the mines; but Jerome's place in history and its dramatic vistas have been recognized and celebrated as enduring assets; and

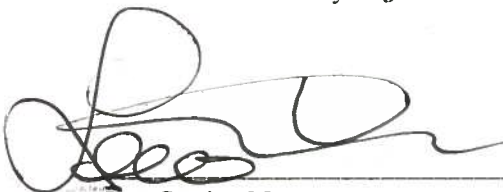
WHEREAS, on April 19th, 1967, the celebration culminated in a dedication of Jerome's Landmark status. The Secretary of the Interior, Stuart Udall, addressed the Town, encouraging the continuing restoration of Jerome, and the preservation of Jerome's proud history. The Governor of Arizona, Jack Williams, proclaimed April 17th through the 23rd, 1967, to be "Jerome Historic District Week." Mayor Tony Lozano served as Chairman of the Dedication Committee, and Councilman John Donald Walsh was Master of Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, to the accomplishments of Jerome's residents during its mining heyday we now add 50 years of diligent effort by dedicated men and women to preserve this unique National Landmark as a living community;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE DO PROCLAIM the beginning of a new period of celebration, of both revelry and reflection upon the unique circumstances which brought Jerome into being, and the half-century of joyful labor to preserve Jerome for our children and the nation.

This period will culminate in April of 2017 with an event of Jeromian proportions, and the second half-century of Jerome's preservation and commemoration will begin.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2016


Lew Currier, Mayor
Doug Freund, Vice Mayor
Alex Barber, Councilmember
Abe Stewart, Councilmember
Frank Vander Horst, Councilmember